GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL GROUND HANDLING AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether several agencies are mushrooming at the airports in Delhi;

(b) whether these agencies are reportedly handling ground activities both at the domestic and Indira Gandhi International Airport with an access to terminal building;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such unauthorised agencies alongwith the details of authorised agencies;

(d) whether any stringent security measures have so far been taken against them by the Airports Authority of India;

(e the recommendation made by the Airport Security Committee in this regard; and

(f) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a),(b)&(c): Airports Authority of India (AAI), Air IndiaLimited (AIL), Indian Airlines Limited (IAL) and CambataAviation Private Limited are authorized to do ground handling at airports under the Airports Authority of India (General Management, Entry for Ground Handling Services) Regulations, 2000. Besides, various airlines or their majority holding subsidiary companies are authorised to do ground handling on their own flights only on self-handling basis. There are 7 private agencies whose services are used by airlines for providing ground handling services to their flights.

(d): These private agencies are required to meet conditions laid down by the Airports Authority of India and are issued temporary passes by Bureau of Civil Aviation Security on the recommendations of AAI and airlines after due scrutiny.

(e): Recommendations have been received for placement of regular agency for providing ground handling services at Delhi airport.

(f): Government has taken a decision to suitably revise the Airports Authority of India (General Management, Entry for Ground Handling Services) Regulations, 2000 to provide a system wherein only Air India Limited, Indian AirlinesLimited and Airports Authority of India will form separate companies to carry out ground handling activities having a minimum of 51 per cent by share holding either directly or through their subsidiaries in Joint Venture with an international operator or foreign airlines subject to security clearance from the Government.